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Superfund Fact Sheet Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Tacoma, Washington

Clean sediments are important to a healthy marine environment, and bottom sediments in Commencement Bay have been polluted over many years of industrial activities and storm water discharges. There are seven waterways in Commencement Bay and four still contain contaminated bottom sediments. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington Department of Ecology are currently working with potentially responsible parties to clean up the contaminated sediments. A series of public meetings, called the Sediment Disposal Sites Forum, began in June 1996 to talk about options for disposal of contaminated sediments.

**Please Join Us at a Public Meeting
Monday, March 9, 1998 - 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
at the
World Trade Center
3600 Port of Tacoma Road
Tacoma, Washington**

We will discuss the factors considered in selecting disposal sites for contaminated sediments in Commencement Bay, what habitat is and why it is important, and how habitat is balanced with other considerations in selecting disposal sites.

Information on cleanups to date on Commencement Bay can be found in the information repositories listed below.

Tacoma Public Library
1102 Tacoma Avenue, Northwest Room
Tacoma, WA

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Avenue
7th Floor Records Center
Seattle, WA

Citizens for a Healthy Bay
771 Broadway
Tacoma, WA

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact:

Jeanne O'Dell, Community Relations Coordinator
(206) 553-6919 or call EPA's toll free number **1-800-424-4372**.

For those with impaired hearing or speech, please contact EPA's telecommunication device for the hearing impaired (TDD) at (206) 553-1698. To ensure effective communication with everyone, additional services can be made available to persons with disabilities by contacting one of the EPA numbers above.



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